

# Dutch Dialogues Update

HRPDC Executive Committee Meeting  
March 19, 2015  
New Business



# Background

- November 2014 – HRPDC hosted an organizing meeting for local government staff with Dale Morris (Dutch Embassy) and Rami Diaz (Waggoner + Ball – New Orleans)
- December 2014 – HRPDC staff contacted all localities via email to solicit interest and potential case study locations for the workshop
- February – March 2015 – HRPDC staff met with six localities that had expressed interest to discuss their proposed locations in greater detail
  - Peninsula: Hampton and James City County
  - Southside: Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach

# Site Selection

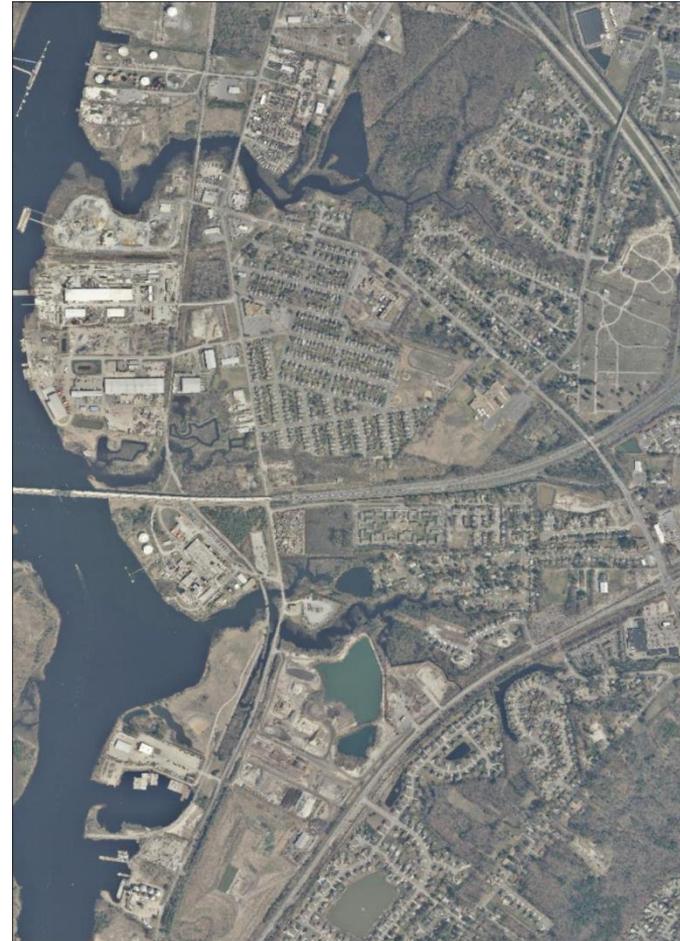
- What the Dutch Embassy is looking for: **visibility** and **follow through**
- Characteristics of good sites:
  - Engaged local stakeholders, including non-government
  - A problem that is reasonably solvable in terms of time frame and budget
  - A problem that is a good fit for integrated water management
  - Prototypical of other areas in the region
  - Scalable
  - More than just flood-risk reduction
    - Water quality
    - Public access
    - Recreation

# Recommended Sites

- March 2015 – HRPDC briefed Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise Committee and recommended five sites
  - Crest Harbor (Chesapeake)
  - Paula Maria & City Line Apartments (Hampton & Newport News)
  - Jamestown 1607 (James City County)
  - Tidewater District (Norfolk)
  - Naval Hospital/Olde Towne (Portsmouth)
- Core local staff representatives met March 18 and concurred with recommendations

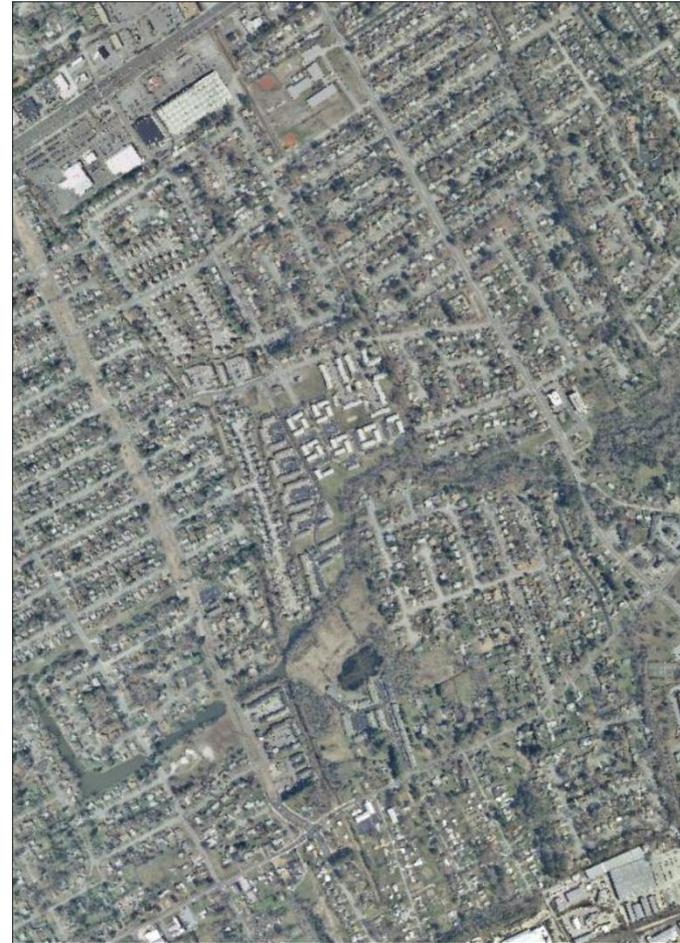
# Chesapeake – Crest Harbor

- **Description:** low income single family housing
- **Primary Issues:** tidal flooding
- **Secondary Issues:** nearby Bainbridge Ave. also vulnerable to flooding
- **Opportunities:** industrial riverfront areas nearby, potential to tie in road improvements, NDRC



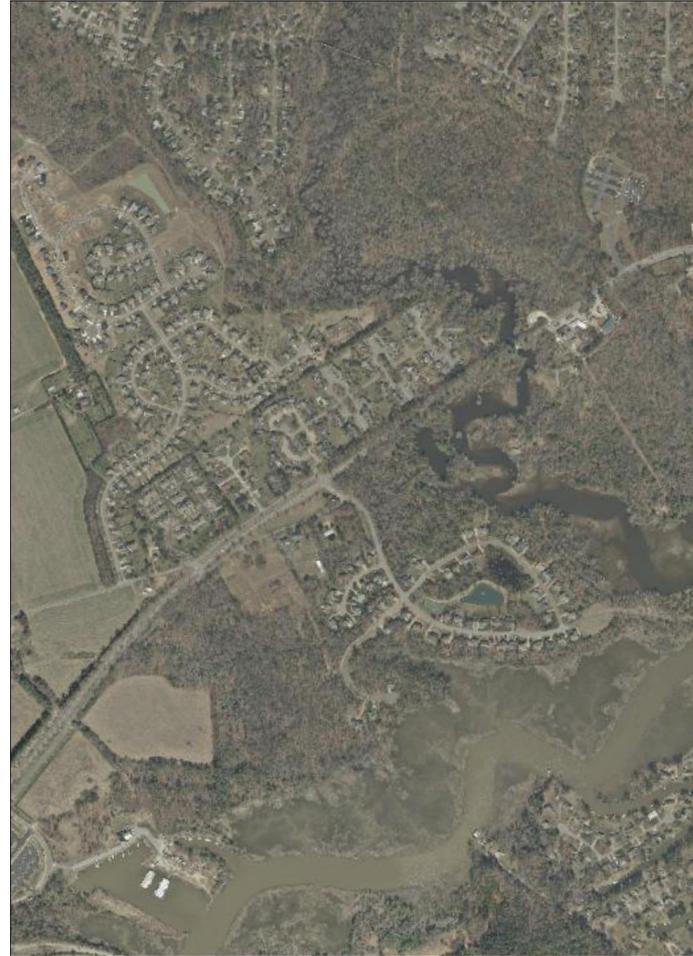
# Hampton – City Line/Paula Maria

- **Description:** low income multifamily housing areas
- **Primary Issues:** tidal and riverine flooding
- **Secondary Issues:** discontinuity between FIRMs, two jurisdictions
- **Opportunities:** joint NN/Hampton effort, address widely reported problem area



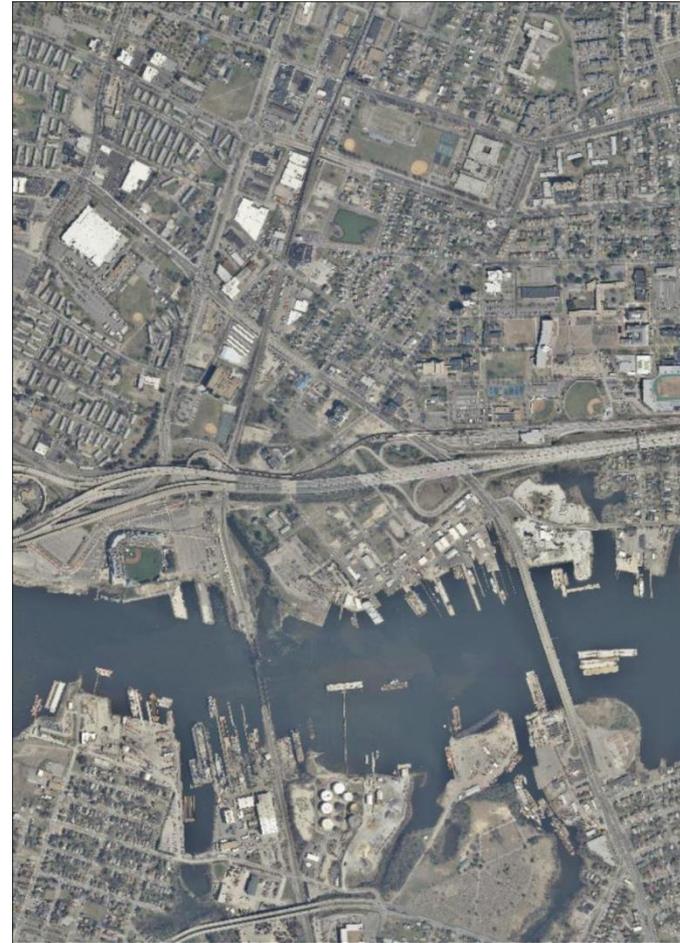
# James City – Jamestown 1607

- **Description:** condo residential neighborhood
- **Primary Issues:** storm driven flooding
- **Secondary Issues:** floodplain designations, expensive engineering solutions, water quality
- **Opportunities:** potential outside partners (VDOT, NPS), nearby recreational amenities



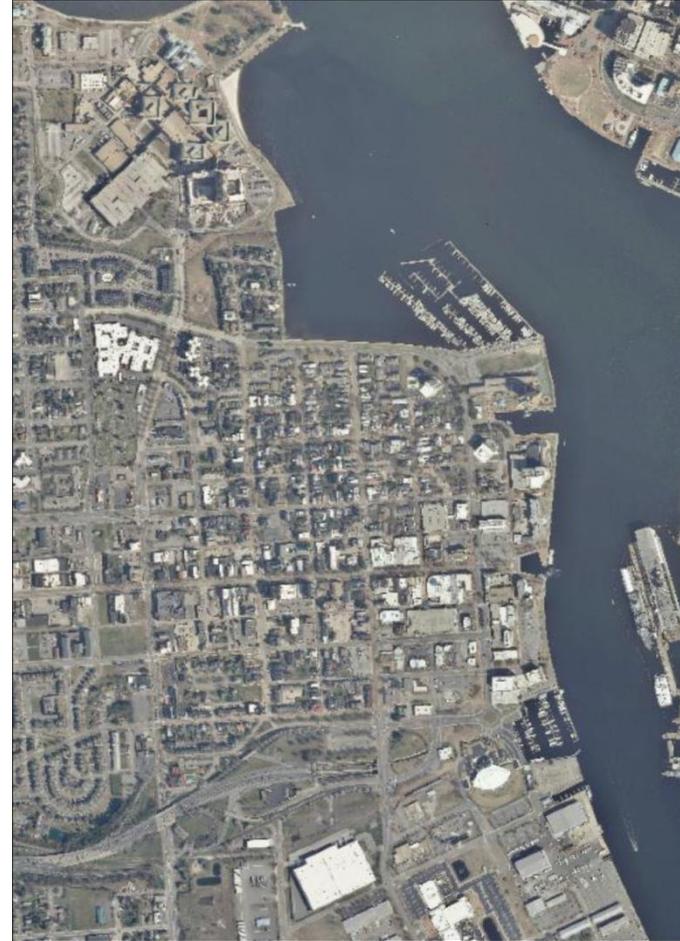
# Norfolk - Tidewater

- **Description:** overall mix of uses (housing districts, industrial, Harbor Park)
- **Primary Issues:** tidal flooding
- **Secondary Issues:** public housing, environmental degradation, financing
- **Opportunities:** water access, economic development, NDRC



# Portsmouth – Naval Hospital/Olde Towne

- **Description:** large military hospital complex next to mixed use downtown
- **Primary Issues:** tidal flooding
- **Secondary Issues:** congestion, storm flooding
- **Opportunities:** potential to tie transportation fixes to flood mitigation; historic preservation



# Next Steps

1. Submit proposed sites by **March 20, 2015** to Dutch Embassy for its consideration
2. Work with local staffs to identify and gather resources and other information, such as previous plans and studies
3. If Embassy selects Hampton Roads for a workshop, work with localities to finalize logistics and other preparations

*Workshop is tentatively scheduled for the second week of June.*